

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed a final Office Action dated June 28. By way of response, Applicants have amended claim 30. No new matter is added. Claims 30-36 are pending.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Claim Amendment

Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite a method for cleaning laundry comprising "diluting the remaining intermediate concentration cleaning composition with water." This amendment finds support in the specification at least at page 6, lines 18-19 and page 8, lines 22-23.

Applicants believe claim 30 is in condition for allowance. Notification to that affect is earnestly solicited.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 30-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

The Office Actions asserts the limitation "at least about 15 wt-% of a concentrate" in line 4 of claim 30 does not meet the description requirement because the phrase "at least" has not upper limit and may cause the claim to read on embodiments outside the range "about 15 to about 50 wt-%" in the specification of page 4, line 24.

Applicants respectfully point the Examiner to page 4, lines 9-11 of the specification as filed, which recites the following:

"In an embodiment, the intermediate concentration cleaning composition can include 100 wt-% of the concentrate."

Accordingly, claims 30-36 fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 30-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Noyes et al.* (US 6,828,292). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 30 as amended and its dependents are not obvious in view of *Noyes et al.* Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite a method for cleaning laundry including diluting the remaining intermediate concentration cleaning composition with water.

Noyes et al. is about dry cleaning and only suggests adding a lipophilic cleaning fluid, not water, after partially removing the cleaning composition. See col. 3, ll. 1-12, 41-44; col. 8, ll. 19-33. Therefore, *Noyes et al.* fail to disclose or suggest the claimed method including diluting the remaining intermediate concentration cleaning composition with water.

For these reasons, the presently claimed invention is not obvious in view of *Noyes et al.* Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 30, 33-36 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over claims 17, 24, and 29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,897,188. Claims 31-32 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over claims 17 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,897,188 in view of *Farrington et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,219,370). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Without acquiescing to this rejection, Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer to advance the prosecution of the application. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

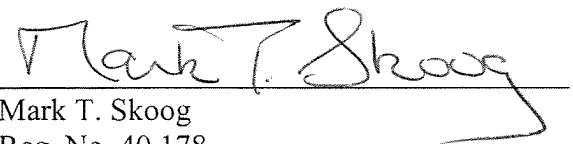
Conclusion

In summary, Applicants submit that each of claims 30-36 is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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